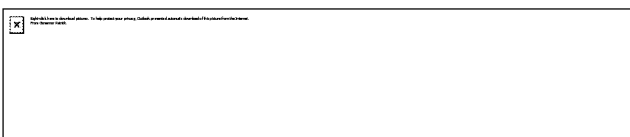


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Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:34 PM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Subject: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget



Dear Colleague,

I will file H.1, the Governor's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2012 this afternoon, and I am proud to say that it is responsible and balanced. It supports our priorities of job creation, closing the achievement gap in our schools, containing health care costs, and curbing youth violence. It also contains a number of further reforms to improve how we deliver services. [My budget message is found on my website.](#)

This budget necessarily contains many spending reductions. I continue to see the faces behind the line items in this budget, and I want you to know that among them are yours. Thank you for your service especially through these tough times.

Some critics want to make you and others who serve in state government out to be "the problem." I don't see it that way. I see the dam inspector who climbed out in freezing flood waters to relieve the pressure on a Waltham dam. I see the registry clerk who stays late to help a senior get her papers in order. I see the staff at the Soldiers Homes who came to work in a blizzard because they wanted to be sure their patients were well cared for. I see your service and your sacrifice, and I appreciate it.

Generational responsibility runs deep in this budget. We are facing a number of tough decisions necessary to strengthen state government and, above all, our communities and residents. There will be more decisions to come. But I am confident of your professionalism and dedication. I know that together we can, have and will build better tomorrows.

In appreciation,



Deval Patrick